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AMENDMENT

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APPARATUS FOR
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**REQUEST BY APPLICANT FOR INTERFERENCE PURSUANT
TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.604 & § 1.607
AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This paper serves three purposes, namely: (1) to serve as a request for continued examination; (2) to amend the claims pending in the application; and (3) to request an Interference by Applicant pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604 and § 1.607. This paper is being filed in response to Applicants' becoming aware of interfering claims in an issued patent and in a pending application as set forth below. This amendment is accompanied by a petition to

withdraw the application from issue, and a request for continued examination for the same purpose. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment prior to further examination.

Applicants also request that the application be forwarded to the **Office of Petitions** to promptly begin the interference proceedings. An associate power of attorney making additional individuals of record is also included.

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I. NOTICE OF PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE

A separate paper filed herewith includes a petition to withdraw from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 (c). The required fee of \$130.00 is included with this petition and amendment.

II. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 § CFR 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above referenced application under 37 CFR 1.114 (c) for the purpose of provoking an interference. The required fee of \$385.00 for the RCE and an additional fee of \$2,618.00 for additional claims. These fees together with the petition fee of \$130.00 for the accompanying petition require the total payment of \$3,133.00 included herewith.

III. REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE

Applicants hereby request the Office to provoke an interference proceeding between the above referenced application, U.S. patent No. 6,531,537 to Friel et al., and U.S. patent application publication No. 2002/0016405 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.607. Priority dates and other pertinent information are provided in the remarks section below.